

Latinx Feminisms/ Feminismos Latinx: A Collective

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Basic Agreements/Puntos básicos de consenso

- Safe space / Espacio seguro
- Respect / Respeto
- Inclusive / Incluyente
- Reflective / Reflexivo
- Constructive / Constructivo
- Multilingual / Multilingue →
Translations/Traducciones

- Open / Abierto
- Solidarity / Solidario
- Commitment / Compromiso

** Recording for memory
building purposes / Grabación
para construir la memoria del
colectivo*

Latinx Feminisms Collective / Colectivo Feminismos Latinx

Idea was created in the 2020 Winter Meeting in San Diego from conversations among Nancy, Veronica, Erika and Roberta...and several other SWSers who identified as Latinx Feminists in this and other meetings, especially at Sister to Sister meetings and events!

Based on our own ontologies, epistemologies and praxis, where the conversación/conversation, convivencia/coexistence, reflexión/reflection, y acompañamiento/accompaniment and solidaridad/solidarity are essential components in the ways we produce knowledge, we seek to build a space where we can share, validate, reflect, and produce collective knowledge about what means to be a critically conscious Latinx Feminist Scholar in the Global North. To this end, this project is based on a collaborative definition of what a Latinx Antiracist Intersectional Feminist Liberatory Praxis framework entails, in acknowledgement of the heterogeneity of the legacies of the Latin American and Caribbean diaspora and the intersectional positionalities, experiences and identities of Latinx communities in the Global North.

Why Latinx?

“We caution that ‘Latino/Latina’ as a social construct must be problematized, that is complicated by differences in national origin, citizenship, race, class, and ethnic-ity and by the confluence of these factors. An intersectional approach acknowledges these differences and seeks to reveal and understand how they shape social experience (Baca Zinn and Zambrana 2019:678).” Baca Zinn, M., & Zambrana, R. E. (2019). Chicanas/Latinas advance intersectional thought and practice. *Gender & Society*, 33(5), 677-701.

We use Acosta’s (2018: 407) definition and explanations for my use of the terms Latinx, Latina and Latino: “I use Latinx when referring to Latin Americans of all genders and reserve the terms Latina or Latino for referencing specific research studies that include only men or women who are not transgender.” Citation: Acosta, Katie 2015. “Queering Family Scholarship: Theorizing from the Borderlands,” *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, 10:406-418.

Latinx as a term of implicit solidarity -- rather than
erasure of difference and homogenization -- A
concept that invites but not defines us

Latinx como un término de solidaridad implícita, en
vez del borramiento de diferencias u
homogeneización -- Un concepto que nos convoca
pero no nos define

Fundamental pillars of Latinx Feminisms / Pilares fundamentales de Feminismos Latinx

- Resisting and dismantling of intersectional oppressions
 - Antiracist (inner/outward)
- Situated knowledge & praxis
- Historically and contextually aware
- Transnational
- Liberatory
- Flexible solidarity/coalition building
- Critical, Self-critical/Self-actualizing
- Inter/Trans-disciplinary
- Praxis - bottom up/community based/ inclusive /collective
- Knowledge Building - decentered, decolonial

Collective
Meetings/
Reuniones del
colectivo

- Join us on our monthly virtual meetings: First Friday of every month at noon (EST) starting September 2021
- Email us at latinxfemsoc@gmail.com

Thank you! / Gracias!

